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SUBJ: CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TO TTPI CITIZENS WITH DOCUMENTATION
PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 250725 OF DECEMBER 27, 1973, SUBJECT "EXPIRED
PASSPORTS FOR TTPI CITIZENS"

1. RESEARCH DONE SINCE REFERENCED TELEGRAM SHOWS NO AUTHORITY
MORE SPECIFIC THAN ARTICLE ELEVEN, SECTION 2, OF THE 1947
U.S. - U.N. TRUST AGREEMENT WHICH STATES:

THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY SHALL AFFORD DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
PROTECTION TO INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WHEN OUTSIDE
THE TERRITORY OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY.

THIS IS REFLECTED IN 8-FAM 286.5, A COPY OF WHICH SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE IN STATUS LNO OFFICE.

2. IT SEEMS REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE, THERE BEING NO EVIDENCE
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OF RECORD TO THE CONTRARY, THAT THE TREATY PROVISION NOT ONLY

PERMITS BUT REQUIRES SUCH ASSISTANCE AS CAN REASONABLY BE GIVEN WITH DOCUMENTATION PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE WITH TTPI CITIZENS TRAVELING ABROAD.

3. IN ORDER THAT ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN AS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR NEEDS AND WISHES AS WELL AS EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

A. IS THERE ANY PROVISION IN TTPI REGULATIONS WHICH PERMITS AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER TO ACT UPON A TTPI TRAVEL DOCUMENT. IF SO, TO WHAT EXTENT; AND COULD YOU PROVIDE THE SUBSTANCE?

B. THE DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT THE EFFORT REQUIRED TO DISTRIBUTE AND MAINTAIN A STOCK OF CURRENT BLANK TTPI PASSPORTS AT EACH FS POST WOULD BE EXCESSIVE FOR THE BENEFIT GAINED IN BEING ABLE TO ISSUE THE VERY OCCASIONAL NEW OR REPLACEMENT PASSPORT NEEDED. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THIS NEED?

C. TO WHAT EXTENT SHOULD CONSULAR ASSISTANCE BE GIVEN IN CASES OF TTPI PASSPORT RENEWAL? SHOULD FULL VALIDITY RENEWAL BE DONE ROUTINELY OR MERELY LIMITED EXTENSION TO COVER ABSENCE FROM TTPI?

D. WHAT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WITH YOUR OFFICE WOULD BE PREFERABLE PRIOR TO ASSISTANCE BEING RENDERED? TO WHOSE ATTENTION SHOULD CLEARANCE REQUESTS BE DIRECTED? CASEY

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